

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising a tread portion divided into blocks by tread grooves, said blocks being provided with a plurality of sipes, each of said sipes opened at a tread face and having a configuration on the tread face comprising a zigzag part and two straight line portions being parallel with the center line of the zigzag, wherein:

a tread rubber of the tread portion is formed of short fiber mixed rubber comprising 1.5 to 25 parts by weight of short fibers in 100 parts by weight of rubber component,
said sipes comprise a three dimensional sipe in which each wall surface forms bumps and dips whereby said short fibers are three dimensionally arranged,
the zigzag part oscillating in the longitudinal direction of the sipe in the course from tread face to a certain depth so that said three dimensional sipe has wall surface made up of parallelograms at the zigzag part, and
displacement amount (La) of the zigzag part in the longitudinal direction of the sipe is in a range of from 0.5 to 2.0 mm.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to ~~claims 1 or 10~~ claim 1, wherein a distance between the center lines of the zigzag part of the adjacent three dimensional sipes is 2.5 to 10.0 mm.

5. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a zigzag amplitude W of the zigzag part is 1 to 5mm, and a zigzag pitch Y of the zigzag part is 0.6 to 10.0 times the zigzag amplitude W.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein said parallelograms are equal to each other.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A producing method of the pneumatic tire according to ~~claims 1 or 10~~ claim 1, wherein siping blades each having a shape corresponding to the three dimensional sipe are projected from an inner surface of a curing mold, tread rubber of a raw tire is pushed between the siping blades, thereby orienting short fibers in the tread rubber three dimensionally.

10. (Cancelled)